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1. NEDERLANDSE GASUNIE N.V., SOLE DUTCH NATURAL GAS DISTRIBUTOR, INFORMS US THAT PRELIMINARY NEGOTIATIONS ARE BEING CARRIED OUT WITH ALGERIAN STATE OIL COMPANY SONATRACH FOR DELIVERY OF AN ADDITIONAL TWO BILLION CUBIC METERS OF LNG YEARLY. ACCORDING TO GASUNIE NEGOTIATIONS ARE IN EXPLORATORY STAGE AND PRICES AND DELIVERY SCHEDULES HAVE NOT YET BEEN DISCUSSED. GASUNIE HOPES CONTRACT WILL BE SIGNED SOON, BUT COMMENTS THAT PURCHASE WILL NOT BE MADE AT ANY PRICE.

2. NEW CONTRACT, IF IT MATERIALIZES, WOULD SUPPLEMENT THE
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20-YEAR CONTRACT FOR DELIVERY OF 80 BILLION CUBIC METERS OF LNG CONCLUDED WITH SONATRACH IN 1977 (REF A). ACCORDING TO THAT CONTRACT IN FALL OF 1984 SONATRACH IS TO START ANNUAL DELIVERY OF FOUR BILLION CUBIC METERS OF NATURAL GAS. GAS WOULD BE TRANSPORTED IN TWO LNG TANKERS WITH GASUNIE AND SONATRACH EACH SUPPLYING ONE. INFORMATION IS NOT AVAILABLE ON PRICES AND FINANC-

ING ARRANGEMENTS.

3. FURTHER EXPANSION OF GAS IMPORTS FROM ALGERIA WOULD BE FULLY IN LINE WITH GOVERNMENT ENERGY POLICY TO SUPPLEMENT DECLINING DOMESTIC RESERVES WITH EXTENSIVE LNG IMPORTS. GASUNIE IS ALSO ENGAGED IN EXPLORATORY NEGOTIATIONS WITH SOVIET UNION AND IRAN (OVERLAND PIPELINE) AND NIGERIA (LNG BY TANKER) FOR DELIVERY OF NATURAL GAS.

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